popular Government there at that time. And this agreement was between two bureaucrats, one from the Centre and the other from Assam. Madam, this is one issue which has been going on the other side of the border also. Bangladesh has been seeking action in which these indigenous people's identities would be destroyed. A lot of Bengalis have settled in the Chittagong area and there is a frequent movement of the Chakma people across the border. May I ask the Home Minister—their agitation is going to start tomorrow—whether he would look into the matter? Already, one Chakma District Council is in existence there. If the area around the Mizoram State is extended and it is given the status of a Union Territory, then the issue of Chakmas can be solved. May I ask the hon. Home Minister whether he is going to respond to the demand that is going to be made? Is he looking into the matter to see to it that there is no insurgency or there are no new atrocities taking place there? Otherwise, I apprehend that there would be some more insurgencies, which are already taking place in Arunachal Pradesh and which would be further aggravated by the Chakmas. I would request the hon. Home Minister to look into the matter.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (हरियाणा) : मेडम, जो मसला आम्बेदकर जी ने उठाया है, मैं इसके साथ संबद्ध करती हूं और एसोसियेट करती हूं ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Shri Kamal Morarka.

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : Madam, the Home Minister is responding to the issue.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : I will look into the matter.

SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM (Arunachal Pradesh) : The hon. Member has stated that the Chakmas should be granted Indian citizenship. I strongly oppose the demand raised by the hon. Member. These Chakma refugees had been asked to settle down there temporarily before the elected Government of Arunachal Pradesh came into power. They are refugees and they are expected to be repatriated. The Central Government should not entertain such a kind of request without consultation with the State Government. Therefore, I oppose the demand raised by the hon. Member.

RE. DEMAND FOR NOT IMPLEMENTING THE OMKAR GOSWAMI REPORT ON SICK INDUSTRIAL UNITS.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan) : Madam, I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. I want to raise an issue which is rather going unnoticed. The Finance Ministry has recently commissioned a report by one Mr. Omkar Goswami; frankly, I plead my ignorance, I have never heard of this gentleman. Suddenly, it appears from the newspaper reports that he has given some panacea for the sick industries. Even the BIFR, which is a quasi-judicial body consisting of the senior people appointed by the Government, has taken an unusual step of reacting to that report and objecting to its recommendations. My objection is that under the garb of this report, the Government is trying to foist the exit policy of the nation. For the last two years, we have been objecting to the exit policy and somehow it went into the background. Now, I feel, under the garb of this report, suddenly the exit policy has been foisted in the country without a debate. Madam, I want an assurance from the Minister of Finance that till Parliament discusses this report fully in the next Session, no action will be taken on this report at all because the Government has a habit of getting reports and taking action when Parliament is not in session.

The most astounding recommendation of this report is that five winding-up tribunals should be set up in various parts of the country to expedite matters relating to sick industrial units. I submit very humbly that winding up can never be a national objective. It is a last unfortunate option when an industry is found to be not viable. Suddenly here I find that very enthusiastically the Government wants to wind up the industries. The BIFR winds up when it finds an industry unviable. All the public sector undertakings are now referred to the BIFR. We, on this side, fear that if winding up of industries is taken up, large-scale unemployment might be created. Instead of stemming unemployment, here comes a report which suggests that BIFR is not fast enough in winding up. Therefore, there should be special winding-up tribunals. It is a preposterous suggestion and it should be rejected outright. The other suggestion given is that any company which has more than 180 days' arrears to the institutions and banks should be considered sick. It is like defining the poverty line. If you take the United States consumption standards, the entire Indian population should be regarded as below the

poverty line. We have to take figures commensurate with our situation here. We have taken some figures as the basic and said 40% of our population is below the poverty line. Here, you are taking 180 days' arrears to the institutions and banks to declare an industry to be sick. I humbly submit to the Finance Minister that if this standard is taken, 80% of our industries will have to be declared sick. I don't know what we are trying to do. If we are trying to promote multinational companies, foreign companies and really want this report, I think it is a direct frontal assault on the entire Indian industrial infrastructure. I think this report is very serious and has serious portents. Members do not understand the jargon. Newspapers started reporting as if Mr. Goswami has found some solution. I am afraid that before the next Session of Parliament, there may be large-scale unemployment due to implementation of this report. I want an assurance from Dr. Abrar Ahmed who is sitting here that this report will not be implemented without its being discussed in both the Houses of Parliament.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Madam, I fully associate myself with what Shri Morarka has said. He has raised a very pertinent issue.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA (Bihar): It is a very important issue. It is a very serious matter. The whole House should reject this report.

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala): Madam, all the sick industries have been referred to the BIFR. They are going into them, whether those industries should be wound up or revived and made viable. In this situation, the Goswami report is submitted. It is a notorious report. It suggests the setting up of special winding-up tribunals. I think this report should be rejected outright by the Government.

This way all the industries would be handed over to the multinationals. I don't understand what the perspective of this Government is. I don't know why this is being done. The Minister should stand up and give an assurance. The Minister should clear the suspicion created by this report.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: They have already given an assurance to Washington.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam, this report is a very serious one. I fully agree with what Mr. Kamal Morarka has said. Without discussion, the Government should not take any action on this report. I would like to remind the Minister that the BIFR has found 68% of the cases referred to it to be viable. Sixty eight per cent of the cases are viable. I would like the Government that they should give financial assistance to all those industries which were found to be viable. Only 32% of the cases were found to be unviable. I warn the Government that this report, if implemented, will result in large-scale unemployment and the working class will be affected very adversely. As such, the Government must look into all these things and this House should be taken into confidence. Only after that, the Government should take any action on this report. Let this first be discussed in the House.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: This is a Government-inspired report. I have information to believe that this is a Government inspired report to implement its exit policy without the matter being discussed in Parliament. It is a serious thing. It is being done deliberately by the Government. I want the Government to respond whether it has taken cognizance of the report, whether the BIFR is going to function, whether Parliament is going to discuss it or not.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): The Minister of Finance is responding ....*(interruptions)*....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have identified Shri Chaturvedi ....*(interruptions)*....

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, the implications of the Goswami Report are very serious. I think it is just a way out for the Government and they want to bring it by the back door. They want to have the "Exit Policy" in a completely unbridled manner. Apart from this, there is one important factor which has been mentioned by Shri Kamal Morarka, and it is about winding up, and this, as he has rightly pointed out, cannot be the policy. The idea of restructuring is all right. But "restructuring" has become a euphemism now and only a camouflage actually for doing all kinds of things against the workers this will create unemployment ....*(Interruptions)*.... There is a very serious suggestion made therein amongst others that even the permission of the Labour Commissioner is not necessary ....*(Interruptions)*.... The Labour Commissioner's permission is not necessary for retrenchment! Apart from giving a *carte blanche* as regards retrenchment, they also want to have winding-up tribunals ....*(Interruptions)*....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Abrarji, are you voluntarily coming forward to react?

DR. ABRAR AHMED: Yes.

उपसभापति: मंत्री जी, आप क्या कह रहे हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डॉ० अबरार अहमद): मैडम, माननीय सदस्य, कमल मोरारका और खास तौर से त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी जी ने—सरकार इस रिपोर्ट के माध्यम से बैकडोर से कुछ करना चाहती है या किसी प्रकार की पालिसी इम्पोर्ट करना चाहती है, यह मात्र इनका पूर्वानुमान है।

गोस्वामी कमेटी बनी थी। उसने सिक इंडस्ट्रीज़ के बारे में रिपोर्ट दी है, जो सरकार के पास अभी अंडर कनसिडरेशन है। हम डिफरेंट फार्मूलाज़ को डिसकस कर रहे हैं। आज कन्सलटेटिव कमेटी में भी उसको डिसकस किया गया था।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: You are considering the Report? ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has said that it is under consideration.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: That has been my point ...*(Interruptions)*...That has been my point.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If you people keep quiet, you can hear the reply ...*(Interruptions)*... I am sorry to say this. The English word 'considering' means that they are considering; that it is under study. When he says that it is under consideration, it means it is under study ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I only want to know whether the Government has taken cognizance of the Report ...*(Interruptions)*...

डॉ० अबरार अहमद: गुरूदासजी, अगर आप अपने अनुसार मुझे बुलाना चाहेंगे, वह तो कभी होगा नहीं—कम से कम डॉ० अबरार अहमद के साथ। मैं वह बोलूंगा जो मुझे बोलना है और अगर नहीं सुनना चाहते हैं तो ...(व्यवधान)

तो गोस्वामी कमेटी ने रिपोर्ट दी है। वह अंडर कनसिडरेशन है। उसके डिफरेंट फार्मूलाज़ को डिसकस कर रहे हैं। आज कन्सलटेटिव कमेटी में भी उस पर चर्चा हुई थी। इस सदन के भी कई माननीय सदस्यों ने उस चर्चा में हिस्सा लिया और जो माननीय सदस्यों ने इस सदन के अंदर उस रिपोर्ट को डिसकस करने के बारे में सुझाव दिया है, वह मैंने नोट कर किया है।

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: You have not taken any decision? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, the Government is again going back *(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Anyhow, that matter is closed new ...*(Interruptions)*... That matter is closed now ...*(Interruptions)*... Please hear me. I say that the matter is closed because the Minister has reacted and he says that they have got the Report and that it is under study. "Under consideration" means that they are studying it ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: All right ...*(Interruptions)*... We got the signal ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI E. BALANANDAN (Kerala): Madam, we want a specific assurance from the Minister that it would be discussed in the House ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has also agreed to that ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI E. BALANANDAN: This is the point we want to make ...*(Interruptions)*... We want an assurance from the Minister that this would be discussed in the House ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has already said that ...*(Interruptions)*... Did you listen to him? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Yes, we have listened ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, The whole trouble is that you people do not listen. He has already said that.

SHRI E. BALANANDAN: He did not assure that this would be discussed here ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am very sorry to say that you are sitting in the front seat and you did not hear him. I heard him and he said that if the Members want to discuss it on the floor of the House, they would consider that also ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA (Gujarat): Madam, ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. Please sit down. I have not allowed you. Yes, Mr. Digvijay Singh.